

Weare Heritage Commission
Minutes
August 23, 2008

Call to Order:

In attendance: Chairperson Tanya Kress, Secretary Meg Malette, Helen Kurk, Natacha Villamia Sochat, and George Malette. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

Approval of Minutes July 23, 2008:

The July 23 2008 minutes were reviewed and clarified by the Heritage Commission members. The final copy of the commission mission statement is to be e-mailed to Merry Rice, Administrative Secretary in the Selectmen's office. The motion to approve the amended July 23, 2008 minutes was made and seconded.

Old Business:

Discussed presentation by Nadine Peterson, Preservation Planner of NH Division of Historical Resources, which was made on July 23, 2008 WHC meeting. Chairperson Tanya Kress gave Meg Malette cd copy of presentation so that it can be converted to a .pdf format for digital use.

New Business:

Town Wide Survey.

NH Division of Historical Resources (NHDHR) recommended town wide survey. Discussion of need for town wide survey ensued with concern as to possibilities for funding such a project. Possible sources may include grants, town trusts, fund-raising events, etc. The town wide survey should include threatened areas, present day building resources, building types in town, important historical resources, and community goals. It was a unanimous consensus that a town wide survey is a beneficial resource for the town if financially feasible. Other ideas relating to town survey included: making list of items in Weare that need to be renovated, educate the town to recognize the value of Weare's Historical resources. Suggestion as to create a pamphlet for education/information as well as creation of manned information booths during special town wide events (July 4th celebration, and perhaps during town wide yard sale).

Weare Historical Society.

Importance of Weare Historical Commission to not duplicate the work of the Weare Historical Society necessitates a bridge of communication/ collaboration between these organizations. Suggestion made that Chairperson Tanya Kress should meet with Weare Historical Society President Sherry Burdick. Discussion of Weare Heritage Commission to be placed on the Weare Historical Society's Annual Pot-Luck meeting in October as a venue to present the role and mission of Weare Heritage Commission, the need for collaboration, and the Town Wide Survey. Discussion of creation of pamphlet that the WHC can present at the WHS annual meeting in October 2008. George Malette will attend the September 3rd 2008 meeting of the WHS, possibly to initially introduce the Weare Heritage Commission

Town Resources Maps.

George Malette discussed various town resource maps and Chairperson Tanya Kress mentioned the use of GRANIT a UNH based website that is designed as a data warehouse for the state of NH as a possible site to digitally make the Weare resource maps available to the public. George Malette suggested the idea of having the company making the Weare resources map project, present the project to the Weare citizens at the conclusion of the project.

Other Topics Mentioned:

- Weare Historical Society theme: "Barns of Weare"

- Weare Cemetery sites and project to name them

- Citizen input necessary to know: What does Weare want?

- Weare Master Plan as valuable resource regarding town profile.

- Weare citizens value old buildings and preservation of rural character of the town.

- Brief discussion of Weare being comprised of 5 or 6 hamlets/villages with no overall town center.

- Need to record what exists now in town

- Scenic Byway (114) Project by state, studies for this project will help town survey.

Selection of New Weare Heritage Commission Secretary and Vice Chairperson:

Natacha Villamia Sochat was nominated to be new WHC Secretary and it was seconded and passed. Meg Malette was nominated to be Vice Chairperson and it was seconded and passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting proposed and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 P.M.